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Spain Understands Just What
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The Protocol Must Be Signed In a
Short Time or American Terms
Will Be Withdrawn.

DELAY IS DANGEROUS FOR THE SPANIARDS.

Garcia Is Making Headway In San-
tiago Province, and There Is a
Possibility the Cuban Govern-
ment May Be Recognized.

Washington, Aug. 11.—There are no important peace developments at the White House and no indications of any until the Spanish government authorizes Ambassador Cambon's signature to the peace protocol or rejects such.

Secretary Alger and Attorney General Griggs had a brief conference with the president, during which there was a full discussion of the proposed government of Porto Rico. While the conference was in progress a telegram of instructions for the guidance of General Miles in collecting tariff and other dues in Porto Rico was sent after an approval by the president.

Secretary Alger smiled at the Boston report that Blanco had already surrendered and said that it was the first the president or himself had heard of it.

He also took occasion to deny reports that any orders had been issued to commanders in the field to rest their arms pending the signing of the protocol.

Spain will have 24 hours more in which to accept or reject the protocol.

Secretary of State Day and Ambassador Cambon agree on the terms of this message, which are the immediate evacuation of Cuba by Spanish troops and the relinquishment of sovereignty over that island by Spain. The immediate evacuation of Porto Rico and all the Spanish islands in the Caribbean sea by Spain, and their cession to the United States.

The United States to occupy and hold the harbor and city of Manila and Subig bay until a peace commission determines the rights of both Spain and the United States in the Philippines.

The cession of an island in the Ladrones group, the island not being specially named.

The war department has issued orders for the immediate sailing of 10,000 troops from San Francisco to reinforce General Merritt at Manila.

The navy department announces that if Spain does not accept the ultimatum within the specified time the eastern squadron will be dispatched to attack the coast of Spain.

If any one phase of the campaign could influence the Spanish government to speedy action of the consummation of this protocol it would be the attitude of the Cubans under Garcia in the northern part of Santiago province, just outside the line marking the territory conceded to the United States by Toral's surrender.

Officials here say the Spanish garrisons at Holguin and some smaller towns off the north coast in the interior are in desperate straits for food and war supplies and have suffered an enormous percentage of loss by disease, and had not our own forces under Shafter been checked in their operations by an epidemic of fever a strong column would have been thrown out northward and have forced the surrender of all these scattered detachments of Spanish troops.

Now, however, Garcia has apparently determined to forestall the American commander in this movement and it is reported has occupied several small towns evacuated by the Spanish and is pressing at the doors of Holguin. This matter has given some concern to our military commanders as this Cuban effort if successful, may result soon in bringing our government to a pass where it must find itself obliged to recognize the government set up by Gomez in his march or come to an open issue with the insurgents and forbid them from conducting further operations except where sanctioned by the managers of our own campaign.

As it is the case at Manila, so it is be-

lieved at Holguin that the Spanish commander would much prefer to surrender, if obliged to surrender at all, to the United States authorities and not to Cubans. There are political reasons why the Spanish government should impress this course upon its military commanders, seeking as it has done to induce the United States to assume the sovereignty over Cuba instead of erecting a Cuban government. Therefore, this condition at Holguin, if known to Blanco may induce him to take steps to surrender the place to any authorized American officer.

It is intimated that surrenders on this basis would not cease at Holguin, and a rumor is afloat that Havana itself had surrendered, but this failed of confirmation at points where such news naturally would find its way. If these conditions are known to the Spanish government at Madrid the fact may have an important bearing in hastening the action of the Sagasta ministry upon the pending proposition from the United States government.

REGARD THE REPLY AS SATISFACTORY.

Premier Sagasta Denies That Spain Has
Given M. Cambon Authority to
Change Anything.

Madrid, Aug. 11.—In official circles here the reply of the United States to Spain in the peace negotiations is regarded as satisfactory.

Premier Sagasta, however, denies he authorized the French Ambassador at Washington, M. Cambon, as representative of Spain, to make changes in the Spanish answer in regard to certain conditions which might create difficulties during the course of negotiations. The premier added, "if any changes are to be made the government itself will make them."

The text of the reply of the United States will not be definitely known until the next cabinet meeting.

It is believed in official circles here that a suspension of hostilities will be announced by both governments immediately after Mr. Cambon is authorized to sign the protocol.

THE OPINION OF A SPANISH PAPER.

It Is to Accept the Terms of the
United States and Stop the Loss
of Life Resulting Therefrom.

Madrid, Aug. 11.—The Moderate Republican (Liberal) expresses the belief that President McKinley replied to Spain's note with suspicious rapidity. It adds:

"We accept the sacrifice knowing the responsibility falls upon our government. The best course is to avoid all useless procedure while diplomats are quibbling. It is useless to make distinctions in language in order to reach a conclusion which is inevitable and already known, while our blood continues to flow in Porto Rico and Manila. During the last three years we have sacrificed too much blood. It is time to end it, and this is the only aspect of the question that at present is to be considered, anyway the press is unable to discuss its other aspects, for all delay in concluding an armistice is criminal."

NINE THOUSAND YET TO GO TO MANILA.

That Is the Number of Troops at San
Francisco That Are to Go to the
Philippine Islands.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—There are about 9300 Philippine expeditionary troops at San Francisco. The Arizona and Scandia will take away 3000, leaving 6300 to be forwarded. This includes the Eighth California, which was turned over to Major General Otis as a part of the expeditionary forces.

The First Washington has not been attached to the Eighth army corps and will, therefore not go to Manila unless later orders are issued assigning it to duty in the Philippines.

It is expected the Australia and the Sydney will reach this city from Manila about Aug. 15. They will be immediately fitted out for a return trip to the Philippines with troops, and will be followed by the City of Peking, which is due here about Aug. 24. These vessels will probably carry the Fifty-Fifth Iowa, the Twentieth Kansas and the First Tennessee.

General Merriam desires to have all troops embarked for Manila not later than Oct. 10.

Hawaiian Commissioners Sailed.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—The steamer Mariposa, conveying the Hawaiian commissioners and 154 men of the First New York volunteers to Honolulu, sailed shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. She was detained at her dock all night awaiting the arrival of delayed English mails.

Will Give the Authority.

London, Aug. 11.—All Madrid advices received here say it is certain M.



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Cambon will receive authority to sign
the protocol.

Advices From Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 11.—The Spanish hospital ship Alicante has sailed for Spain with 1600 sick Spanish soldiers on board.

The Spanish steamer Isla de Luzon has arrived and will take 1200 Spanish soldiers. She has bed capacity for 300 sick.

The St. Louis sailed north Wednesday with the Ninth and Tenth infantry.

Capt. Clark of the Oregon was aboard.

The St. Paul is expected to be the next transport to leave here with American troops.

Shaw Still Free.

Cleburne, Tex., Aug. 11.—There are no tidings from John B. Shaw, the condemned murderer of Tom Crain, who escaped from the county jail here, and who was to have been hanged tomorrow. The governor has offered a reward of \$500 for his capture and Sheriff Stewart has added \$200 to this sum.

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